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TWO CENTS.

INTEREST CENTERS IN THE BALKANS

The Attitude of Rumania Is Now Closely Watched by Allies

FORMIDABLE ARMY ON MACEDONIAN FRONT

So Far Its Strength Has Not Been Used
to Advantage and the Bulgarians
Have Pushed Back Both Wings — Al-
lies Scored in Vardar Valley.

Political developments in the Balkans
overshadow in interest for the moment
even the important military operations in
progress there, but today's despatches
throw little new light on the situation
from either a political or military stand-
point.

In connection with the attitude of Ru-
mania the course of the Russian campaign
near the Rumanian frontier is being closely
watched. The latest advices from Ru-
manian sources, however, declare that the
Russians are being held up by the strength
of the Teutonic resistance along the en-
tire front to the north in Galicia and Vol-
hynia.

With Russian and Italian troops added
to the French, British and Serbian forces
already in the field the allies have a for-
midable army of fighting men on the
Macedonian front. So far, however, its
strength has not been exerted to a marked
effect. The Bulgarians have pushed back
both wings and it is only in the center
in the Vardar valley that entente ad-
vances have been scored.

On the western front along the Somme
the British continue closing in on Thiep-
val on their left flank and apparently
have Guillemont almost within their grip.

GERMANS MADE GAINS ON THE SOMME FRONT

Secured Footing in Some of the
Trenches Captured by the French
August 21.

PARIS, August 22.—German troops at-
tacking the French lines south of Estrees
on the Somme front gained a footing at
some points in trenches that had been cap-
tured by the French on Aug. 21, the war
office announced today. The attack was
launched after a period of intense artillery
preparation. North of the Somme the
Germans violently bombarded the French
line.

CHECK RUSSIAN ADVANCE.

Teutons Rally on the Galician and Car-
pathian Fronts.

BERLIN, Aug. 22, by wireless to
Sayville.—Despite their early attacks
in many sections on the fronts in the
Galician and Carpathian regions the
Russians have been unable to gain any
ground from the Teutonic forces, ac-
cording to the Austrian official state-
ment of Aug. 22. The Russian losses
in the fighting along the lower Stokhod
were particularly heavy, says the state-
ment.

POUNDING THE AUSTRIANS.

Italians Carry Strong Positions in the
Tofana Region.

ROME, Aug. 23, via London.—The
Italians are making a strong and suc-
cessful thrust at the Austrian lines in
the Alpine region on the extreme North-
ern front, according to today's war of-
fice announcement. Italian troops have
carried strong Austrian positions in the
Tofana area on the Dolomites.

INQUIRY INTO SHOOTING.

Cases of Irishmen Shot Without Trial
Being Investigated.

DUBLIN, Ireland, Aug. 22.—An in-
quiry into the shooting without trial
of three men during the rebellion in
Ireland last spring was opened here
today. The men were put to death at
the order of Capt. Bowen-Colthurst, who
was court martialled and found guilty,
but insane.

Centre Congregational Church

Thursday from 3 to 5 p. m. in the
chapel—Midsummer Thimble party for
all women in the parish. Please bring
your talent money, or birthday money
for the benefit of the building fund.

First Baptist Church

Rev. Paul Hayne of New Brunswick,
N. J., will occupy the pulpit next Sun-
day. Miss Alice Butterfield will sing.

In Odd Fellows' Temple

Thursday, Aug. 24, 8 p. m.—Regular
meeting of Canton Palestine, No. 3.

NAMES THE MEMBERS OF MEXICAN BOARD

Secretary Lane, Judge George Gray and
Dr. John R. Mott Selected by
President.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—Late
last night Secretary of State Lansing
announced the appointment of the
American members of the international
joint commission which is to consider
the differences existing between the
United States and the de facto govern-
ment of Mexico. They are: Franklin
K. Lane, secretary of the interior;
Judge George Gray of Delaware; Dr.
John R. Mott of New York.

Secretary Lansing declined to answer
any questions regarding the selection of
Judge Gray and Dr. Mott beyond the
statement that they have accepted and
are ready to go ahead with the work.

Mr. Lansing would not say approximately
when the American commissioners
will organize or when or where the first
meeting will take place.

The administration's purpose to get
the work started at the earliest prac-
ticable date is known. There is no dis-
position whatever to delay a beginning
of the important work which confronts
the joint body.

First Chief Carranza announced the
appointment of the Mexican members
of the joint commission weeks ago. They
are: Luis Cabrera, minister of finance;
Ignacio Bonillas, engineer; Alberto
Pani, engineer.

Judge Gray is one of the widely
known jurists in the country, and is
the American member of the interna-
tional permanent court of arbitration.

On account of his connection with the
international work of the Young Men's
Christian association, Dr. Mott is widely
known throughout Europe and the
Far East.

The three American commissioners
are considered big men from almost any
angle, and officials generally believe the
announcement of their selection will be
received with approval throughout
the country and Mexico. It is thought
also that the personnel of the American
part of the commission will command
the confidence of the people in general,
just as Gen. Carranza's appointees ap-
pear to have commanded the confidence
of Mexicans.

CROSBY ADAMS IN MORE AUTO TROUBLE

Charged with Driving Car When Li-
cense Was Suspended Pending
Hearing on Its Revocation.

Crosby Adams of Springfield, Mass.,
formerly of Brattleboro, pleaded not
guilty to the charge of driving an au-
tomobile after his license had been sus-
pended by the highway commission,
when he appeared in police court in
Springfield yesterday on a summons.
Adams' license was suspended some
time ago, following the accident near
Indian Orchard in July, when Miss
Mary Lynch was killed by Adams' car,
and a hearing is to be held be-
fore the commission as to whether or
not it shall be revoked. The present
case against Adams was continued to
Aug. 30. He was discharged in the
court a few weeks ago on the charge of
manslaughter.

ALLIES DESTROY 35 "ZEPS."

British Aerial Expert Answers Criti-
cism in Commons.

LONDON, August 23.—Major Baird,
representative of the aerial board in
the house of commons, replying in the
house last night to criticism of the air
defences during the recent Zeppelin
raids, announced that since the war
beginning the entente allies had accounted
for thirty-five Zeppelins.

"There have been thirty-four raids
on England," said Major Baird, "in
one of which no casualties were suffered,
while in the remainder the number of
killed was 234 civilians and fifty mili-
tary men. Nobody can say that these
casualties, deplorable as they are, will
have any influence on the conduct of
the war, provided the honorable mem-
bers of the house do not give utterance
to such ill-chosen statements as have
been made in the house of commons
tonight."

"Lord French has a very complete
system of air defence and it is being
improved daily, while the British fly-
ing corps has a record superior to any
other nation."

DEATH RATE INCREASED.

Only a Slight Change, However, in
Paralysis Epidemic.

NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—The record-
breaking heat wave has failed to
spread the epidemic of infantile pa-
ralysis. Only a slight gain was shown
today in the number of deaths and
new cases. During the 24 hour period
ending at 10 a. m. the plague killed 42
children and 131 were stricken. This
compares with 39 deaths and 118 cases
during the like period yesterday. The
disease has now killed 1,731 children.

Services done out of a hard sense of
duty are not likely to benefit either the
giver or the receiver.

TRYING TO AVOID A RECEIVERSHIP

No Immediate Action Ex- pected on the Petition Filed Yesterday

\$13,500,000 DUE ON NOTES AUGUST 31ST

The Next Formal Step Will Be the Fil-
ing of the Railroad's Answer to Re-
ceivership Petition by a New Jer-
sey Company.

BOSTON, August 23.—Pending con-
ferences among the numerous interests
affected no immediate action was ex-
pected today in consequence of the peti-
tion for a receiver for the Boston &
Maine railroad company, which was
filed in the federal court yesterday.

It was pointed out that if some form
of reorganization could be agreed upon
before Aug. 31, when \$13,500,000 of
the road's notes become due, it would
be impossible for the directors to re-
consider the decision reached yesterday
that it would be inexpedient to attempt
a further renewal of the notes. No
hope that a plan which would meet the
wishes of all the leased lines could be
evolved was expressed, however, on
any side.

The next formal step will be the fil-
ing of the railroad's answer to the re-
ceivership petition which was made
by the Intercontinental Rubber company
of New Jersey, a creditor to the extent
of \$51,000. The directors declined to
give any intimation as to the probable
nature of the answer.

The immediate appointment of a tem-
porary receiver to be followed as soon as
possible by a permanent receiver was
asked in the bill in equity filed yesterday,
it became known today, when the papers
were made a matter of record in the United
States district court here.

Full power and authority to operate all
the railroads and property owned and con-
trolled by the Boston & Maine, including
its score of leased lines, would be vested
in the receiver if the petition is granted,
with special stipulation that creditors be
restrained from interfering with the re-
ceiver in any way.

As a reason for the proposed receivership
the petitioning company states that the
company's credit is so poor it cannot
issue bonds at a reasonable price and that
it is unable to raise money on short term
notes. Outstanding notes of the company
to an extent of \$13,300,000 according to
the bill, cannot be paid when they fall due
Aug. 31.

SETTLEMENT REACHED IN WATERMAN SUIT

Partnership Accounting Was to Have
Been Made, with Mayor Stafford
of Rutland as Auditor.

The matter of the adjustment of the
partnership which existed for years be-
tween Judge E. L. Waterman and the
late Judge James L. Martin, which was
to have come before Mayor B. L. Staf-
ford of Rutland as auditor, was settled
last night after a long conference be-
tween Judge Waterman, representing Judge
Fitts, and Attorney Clarke C. Fitts,
representing the estate of Judge
Martin. The terms of the settlement
are not made public.

Judge Waterman brought a suit re-
cently against the estate of his late
partner, claiming that several thousand
dollars was his due. The men while in
partnership had never balanced ac-
counts and not until after the death of
Judge Martin were the partnership
books gone over carefully. The matter
was referred by the county court to
Mayor Stafford as auditor.

CAPTURED TWO HEIGHTS.

Advantage Gained by Russians on
Hungarian Frontier.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 22, via London.—
The Germans resumed the offensive
yesterday south of Brody, where the
Russians are attempting to approach
Lemberg from the northeast. The war
office statement of today says the Ger-
mans were repulsed. The Russians cap-
tured two heights on the Hungarian
frontier.

REINFORCED IN ALBANIA.

Austro-Hungarians Deny Report Issued
by the French.

BERLIN, Aug. 22, by wireless to
Sayville.—The Austro and Hungarian
troops in Albania have been reinforced,
according to information from Vienna.
This statement was made to deny a re-
port from French sources that Austro-
Hungarian troops had been withdrawn
and that in consequence there was a
famine in Albania.

THE WEATHER.

Showers This Afternoon or Tonight.

Thursday Fair and Cooler.

WASHINGTON, August 23.—The
weather forecast: Showers this after-
noon or tonight. Cooler in the interior.
Thursday fair and cooler. Moderate
northwest to north winds.

SIX PETITIONS FOR DIVORCE ARE FILED

Three of the Petitioners Are Brattle-
boro Women, Mrs. McNeirny, Mrs.
Evans and Mrs. La Chance.

The near approach of the September
term of county court is causing divorce
petitions to be filed in county court.
Six were filed yesterday afternoon and
this morning.

Mary Adiza Kingsbury of Bellows
Falls seeks divorce from Charles Law-
rence Kingsbury, now of Sorel, P. Q.
They were married Jan. 23, 1893 at
Rouses Point, N. Y. She charges desertion
Aug. 19, 1913, and asks the custody of
four minor children. The papers are
from the office of Ryder & Graham.

May Evans of Brattleboro asks re-
lease from the bonds of matrimony that
have bound her to James H. Evans, now
of Springfield, Mass., since Feb. 5, 1893.
They were married at Wardsboro. She
charges desertion Jan. 1, 1910, intoler-
able severity and neglect and refusal
to support. She asks the care and
custody of two minor children. Her at-
torneys are Gibson & Daley.

Fannie M. Howard of Wardsboro
claims that Harry E. Howard, now of
Fitchburg, Mass., deserted her May 12,
1915. They were married April 2, 1909,
at Bellows Falls. She also charges
neglect and refusal to support and asks
alimony. Her attorneys are Gibson &
Daley.

Jessie Ada Parmenter of Westminster
who was married at Putney Sept. 25,
1900, to Edward Parmenter of New
York on the grounds of the sudden collapse
of a five story brick tenement in the
course of construction in the Bronx.

Between 30 and 40 workmen were in
the building and half this number
were caught in the debris.

A dozen arrests have been made, in-
cluding a member of the contracting
firm which had charge of the construc-
tion of the building.

FAME AND FORTUNE IN 5-CENT PIES

Fred C. Elmer of Cleveland, O., Father
of the Nickel Pie, Former Resi-
dent of Brattleboro.

Pies have brought fortune and honor
to Fred C. Elmer of Cleveland, O., fa-
ther of the nickel pie—once a prize
baker in itself.

"I became so well known as the
original pie baker that when I ran for
state senator I was easily elected,"
he says.

"I was the first to see the possibili-
ties of nickel pies and to make them
go. From December 10, 1877, when I
opened my shop, pies went like wild-
fire. The kids were my best custom-
ers."

Mr. Elmer was a resident of Brattle-
boro in his young manhood. He is a
brother of Mrs. Henry Campbell, mat-
ron of the Brattleboro Home for the
Aged and Disabled.

NORTHAMPTON GIRL KILLED.

Miss Margaret Craven Dies Soon Af-
ter Accident.

NORTHAMPTON, Aug. 23.—A fatal
automobile accident occurred
yesterday at 9 o'clock last evening, when
four young people were thrown down an
embankment and the car turned turtle
twice, landing right side up in a field.
Miss Margaret Craven of Hineckley
street, who occupied the front seat with
the driver, was crushed under the car
and died at midnight.

She was taken to Dickinson hospital
in the ambulance, where it was found
that her chest was badly crushed, sev-
eral ribs being broken and her lungs
penetrated. Edward Graves and Har-
land Beers of Whately came to North-
ampton early last evening and were
taking the young women, Miss Craven
and Miss Marie McCarthy, out for a
ride.

In going down the hill beyond the
Leeds schoolhouse the driver, Mr.
Graves lost control of his machine. Af-
ter crossing the railroad track the au-
tomobile ran into the railing along the
vacant lot owned by the Nonotuck Silk
company. The railing gave way and the
car went down the embankment.
The others were but slightly injured.

BRYAN TO BEGIN SEPT. 15.

His Speaking Tour for Wilson to Start
in Ohio.

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—William J.
Bryan's speaking tour in behalf of
President Wilson will begin about Sep-
tember 15, probably in Ohio, and will
continue up to election day, it was an-
nounced today at national headquar-
ters. It was planned to have Mr. Bryan
speak in every eastern and middle
western state, except Missouri and
Michigan. When the Bryan itinerary
is completed arrangements will be made
for the campaigning tour to the coast
of former Gov. Martin H. Glynn of
New York. Mr. Glynn probably will
start soon after Sept. 9.

Speaker Champ Clark of the house of
representatives yesterday returned to
headquarters the money advanced to
him for expenses in opening the Demo-
cratic campaign in Maine last week.

PASSED ARMY BILL.

Senate Acts on Revised Measure,
Changed After Veto.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—The army
appropriation bill with revised article
of war approved by the war department
was passed today by the senate and
now goes back to the house where the
amendment is expected to be accepted.
President Wilson vetoed the bill be-
cause the revision on the bill's previous
passage gave exemption to retired of-
ficers, which the war department dis-
approved.

RUSSIAN FLEET HELPED.

Assisted in Driving Back Turks on
Black Sea Coast.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 22, via London.—
Turks along the Armenian Black sea
coast has been stopped and the Turk-
ish forces driven back with the aid of
the Russian fleet, it was announced to-
day by the war office.

TWENTY WORKMEN CAUGHT IN DEBRIS

Five-Story Building in Pro- cess of Construction Col- lapsed in Bronx

TWO MEN MISSING, SEVERAL ARE DYING

And a Dozen Others Are Suffering from
Injuries — Dozen Persons Arrested,
Including a Member of the Contract-
ing Firm.

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—Two men are
missing, several are dying in hospitals
and a dozen others were injured today
as the result of the sudden collapse of
a five story brick tenement in the
course of construction in the Bronx.

Between 30 and 40 workmen were in
the building and half this number
were caught in the debris.

A dozen arrests have been made, in-
cluding a member of the contracting
firm which had charge of the construc-
tion of the building.

MRS. DeCASSI SAID NOT TO BE INSANE

Statement Made by Lawyer in Court,
Reflecting Upon Her Character,
Preyed Upon Her Mind.

It is expected that Mrs. Nona DeCas-
si, the young colored woman who
jumped from the Connecticut river
bridge yesterday afternoon at 12.45
o'clock with apparent suicidal intent,
will leave the Brattleboro Retreat in a
few days. Physicians are satisfied that
she is not insane but was suffering from
overstrung nerves at the time she
jumped.

Mrs. DeCassi had called upon Attor-
ney H. E. Whitney a few minutes be-
fore to say that she was not vindictive
against her husband and asked if there
was any means by which she could
bring about his release from jail, to
which he had been sentenced upon her
proof that he had deserted her and had
been living here with another colored
woman.

She went from the office of the at-
torney to the railroad station to buy a
ticket for New York, having cashed a
check earlier in the day for \$6 which
she had received from New York to pay
her expenses back to that city. She
found the ticket office locked, and said
she started to walk across the bridge
with no intention of committing suicide.
She stopped to look into the water and
an uncontrollable desire to "end it
all" overcame her.

She placed her money in her hat and
removed her coat, but after mounting
the railing attempted to turn back, but
was compelled to jump. The instant she
struck the water she began to swim, as
she thought in the shortest direction to
the shore.

She had been much worried over a
statement made by a lawyer in court
that she was not a good woman, which
she said was an absolutely false state-
ment, and as she had been recently in a
hospital in New York three weeks for
treatment for a nervous trouble it
preyed upon her mind. She consented
to remain at the Retreat until she had
improved mentally which the physicians
told her would be in a few days under
treatment.

Mrs. DeCassi is a well educated
young woman. She is a trained lady's
maid and has taken a course in domestic
science and claims to be an excellent
cook. She told several yesterday before
her unfortunate experience that she
would like to remain here rather than
return to New York.

SAYS ALLIES CAN NOW SEE THE END

David Lloyd George Comments Opti-
mistically on Situation in
the War Area.

LONDON, August 23.—David Lloyd
George, secretary of war, in the house
of commons yesterday contrasted what
he termed the extraordinary change in
a couple of months in the relative posi-
tions of the entente allies and the
central powers on all the fronts except
Mesopotamia, where climatic condi-
cients, Lloyd George said the criticisms
of the British operations on the Somme
front, on the ground of their failure to
break through the German lines, were
unjustified. The Germans having two
alternatives, said Mr. Lloyd George,
chose the alternative of bringing troops
and guns from Verdun to prevent the
British from breaking through.

"The situation," he said, "the war
secretary continued, "is relieved of
pressure on Verdun and prevented the
enemy from pouring his forces into the
Russian theater to support the Aus-
trians against Gen. Brusiloff's thrust."
The German accounts of our losses
on the Somme are ludicrously exag-
gerated. Our losses, though deplorable,
have been relatively low as compared
with those of the Germans. The French
and ourselves have captured positions
on the Somme front whence the course
of the campaign is visible and I think
in the dim distance we can see the
end."

HOUSE ACCEPTS ARMY BILL.

Measure Sent to Senate Without Re-
vised Articles of War.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—After
the house had accepted the \$314,000,000
army appropriation bill without the re-
vised articles of war, a feature of which
caused President Wilson to veto the
measure, it was hastened to the senate
and there referred to the military com-
mittee.

Chairman Chamberlain announced
that the committee would meet today
and restore the articles of war, eliminat-
ing the proposal to except retired
officers and men from the military code,
the provision objected to by the Presi-
dent. If a point of order is made and
sustained against the articles in the
senate Mr. Chamberlain will seek to re-
tain them by a two-thirds vote.

Representative Hay has let it be
known that he will not insist again on
his amendment.

PORTO RICO HAS HURRICANE.

Much Damage is Done, Wind Blowing
90 Miles an Hour.

SAN JUAN, P. R., August 23.—A
severe storm with a wind velocity of
more than 90 miles an hour broke yester-
day morning and lasted for three
hours. Much damage was done. It has
been impossible to obtain reports from
the interior or from the southern side
of the island.

A watch requires 175 separate parts,
more than 2,400 operations being nec-
essary in its manufacture.

GOVERNOR GATES HERE GUEST DAY

Will Be One of Speakers on
Aug. 30 According to
Present Plans

ACCEPTS PRESIDENT WALKER'S INVITATION

Central Vermont Railway Co. Grants
Special Round-Trip Rates on West
River and New London Branches —
Day of Hospitality.

Gov. Charles W. Gates of Franklin
will be one of the speakers at Brattle-
boro's Guest day, next Wednesday, Aug.
30. President Horton D. Walker of the
Brattleboro board of trade received
from the Governor yesterday afternoon
the following acceptance of an invitation
to be here on that day:

My dear Mr. Walker:—
I want to thank you for your very
kind invitation to be present at "Guest
Day," August 30th. I will try to ar-
range my plans so as to be with you
on that day, unless something unforeseen
prevents.

Again thanking you, and wishing you
success in your enterprise, I am
Sincerely yours,
CHARLES W. GATES,
Governor.

Mr. Walker also received notice from
the Central Vermont Railway Co. that
the same reduced rates which were al-
lowed on Guest day last year would be
accorded this year, extra equipment be-
ing attached to regular trains.

On the West River branch a train
will leave South Londonderry at 6.50
a. m., Winhall 7.30, Jamaica 7.50, Wards-
boro 7.50, West Townsend 7.55, Town-
shend 7.50, Newfane 8.05, Williamsville
8.15, arriving in Brattleboro at 8.45.

A second train on the West River
branch will leave South Londonderry
at 11.55 a. m., Winhall 12.02 p. m., Ja-
maica 12.25, Wardsboro 12.35, West
Townshend 12.40, Townshend 12.55,
Newfane 1.10, Williamsville 1.20, ar-
riving in Brattleboro at 1.50.

The round trip fares on either train
will be as follows: South Londonderry
\$1.45, Winhall \$1.30, Jamaica \$1.10,
Wardsboro 95 cents, West Townsend
95 cents, Williamsville 40 cents.

Returning, the train will leave Brat-
tleboro at 6 o'clock for all stations.

On the New London division a train
will leave Millers Falls at 8.53 a. m.,
Northfield Farms 9.02, Northfield 9.14,
East Northfield 9.17, Vernon 9.30, ar-
riving in Brattleboro at 9.40.

From Millers Falls a second train will
leave at 12.25 p. m., Northfield Farms
12.30, Northfield 12.43, East Northfield
12.48, Vernon 1.02, arriving in Brat-
tleboro at 1.10.

Fares for the round trip on this di-
vision will be as follows: Millers Falls
85 cents, Northfield Farms 75 cents,
Northfield 50 cents, East Northfield 45
cents, Vernon 20 cents.

A train will leave for Millers Falls
and intermediate stations at 4.25 p. m.

The program for this day of hospi-
tality will be practically the same as
last year, including free shows at the
moving picture theatres, free baseball
games at island park, free speaking on
the common, free concerts by the First
Regiment band, free boat and trolley
rides. Free feed will be provided for
horses.

HUGHES AT RENO, NEV.</